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Chief Executive Officer

WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Pursuit of Position on Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations Requests

Congress has begun its consideration of requests for financing local projects, programs, and studies under appropriations bills for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009, which begins on October 1, 2008. The President is proposing to veto any appropriations bill that does not reduce the number and cost of member-requested projects, or "earmarks", by 50 percent from FFY 2008.

Members of the County's Congressional delegation have requested a list of County priority appropriation requests for FFY 2009. Given that the amount of discretionary funding will likely be severely constrained in the current fiscal environment, County departments, in coordination with your offices, have been selective in developing their appropriation requests. The projects are of economic and regional significance; most of the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) requests represent ongoing infrastructure projects or studies that have received prior year appropriations and have a high probability of completion within the year, and the projects are of priority importance for departments. We also understand that departments have worked with your offices in identifying these priorities.

A list of appropriation requests is attached for FFY 2009 funding in the Energy and Water Development; Transportation-Housing and Urban Development; Labor-Health and Human Services-Education; Commerce-Justice-Science; and Interior-Environment appropriations bills. New project requests are footnoted in the Attachment.

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Pursuit of funding for these projects is consistent with Board policy to support:

- Funding for the development and implementation of long-term solutions for shoaling problems, including the safe disposal of contaminated sediment and construction of improvements in Ballona Creek and the entrance of Marina del Rey;
- Funding for developing and implementing coastal management plans, including beach stabilization and replenishment projects;
- Funding for the improvement of water quality and reliability, including grants for projects that would expand the use of recycled water, and for the protection of water supplies against terrorist acts;
- Funding for improvements in the Santa Monica Mountains, parks, environmental restoration of coastal watersheds and wetlands, and beach projects in Los Angeles County;
- Funding for initiatives to protect and enhance communities through projects promoting public safety and environmental improvements;
- Funding for County transportation projects;
- Increased funding to public housing authorities, such as for resident services in public housing; and
- Increased law enforcement funding to assist County justice agencies with technology improvements, increased funding to reduce gang-related crimes, and coordination between Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

Therefore, our Washington, D. C. advocates will seek Federal funding in FFY 2009 for these projects.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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Attachment

c: All Department Heads Legislative Strategist

\$1,500,000

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FFY 2009 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Army Corps of Engineers Operation and Maintenance				
Marina del Rey Maintenance Dredging				
South Entrance and Main Channel (SD3, SD4)	\$7	,982,000		
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Army Corps of Engineers Construction				
Tujunga Wash Restoration Project (SD3)	\$2	,850,000		
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Army Corps of Engineers General Investigations				
 Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study (SD1, SD5) 	\$	600,000		
 California Coastal Sediment Master Plan (SD3, SD4) 	\$	900,000		
 Coast of California Storm and Tidal Wave Study (SD3, SD4) 	\$	458,000		
Coyote Creek-Lower San Gabriel Watershed		·		
Feasibility Study (SD1, SD4) ¹	\$	700,000		
Hansen Dam Water Conservation and Supply	·	•		
Feasibility Study (SD1, SD3)	\$	200,000		
Sun Valley Watershed Project Feasibility Study (SD3)	\$	500,000		
Whittier Narrows Dam Water Conservation and	•			
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INTERIOR-ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS

State and Tribal Assistance Grant

 North Los Angeles County Regional Recycled Water Project (SD5)

COMMERCE-JUSTICE-SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Byrne Discretionary Grant / Community-Oriented Policing Services Technology

•	Anti-Gang Intelligence Data Sharing and Analysis (All Districts) 1	\$ 993,000
•	Automatic License Plate Recognition System (All Districts) ¹	\$ 500,000

Footnote

¹ New project request.

TRANSPORTATION-HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Economic Development Initiative

 Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Regional Soccer Complex (SD1)

\$1,000,000

Surface Transportation Priorities

 The Old Road Widening North of Magic Mountain Parkway to Turnberry Lane (SD5)¹

\$2,000,000

LABOR-HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Fund for the Improvement of Education

 Computer Literacy Program – Carmelitos Public Housing Development (SD4)

\$ 208,000

Pilots, Demonstrations and Research

 Computer Literacy Program – Nueva Maravilla Public Housing Development (SD1)

\$ 208,000

 Computer Literacy Program – South Scattered Sites Public Housing Development (SD2)¹

\$ 208,000

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¹ New project request.